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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP99-500-000, CP96-178-012 and CP96-809-010]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 9, 1999.

Take notice that on September 2, 1999, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) filed to place into effect FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 as listed in the form attached as Appendix B to its filing.

Maritime states that it proposes to place its complete FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 into effect on November 1, 1999, which is consistent with the in-service date specified in the certificate for the Maritimes Phase II facilities. The tariff will allow Maritimes to provide firm or interruptible services to those customers desiring such services at this time as contemplated by the Orders of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission dated July 31, 1998, (84 FERC 61,130 (1998)), and April 14, 1999, (87 FERC 61,061 (1999)).

Maritimes states that with the introduction of Rate Schedule MNLFT, additional conforming tariff changes are required. Specifically, Maritimes proposes to clarify that the MNIT rate for service on the lateral facilities shall be the 100% load factor rate of the applicable rate for the applicable Incremental Lateral. Also, Maritimes proposes to clarify that service under a firm mainline rate schedule does not include service on incrementally priced lateral facilities.

Maritimes states that complete copies of this filing are being mailed to potential customers and interested state commissions. Maritimes states that due to the voluminous nature of Appendix B, copies of this filing with Appendix B deleted are being mailed to all other parties on the Commission's Official Service Lists in the above referenced dockets. Copies of Appendix B will be made available upon request.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion

to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before September 24, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-613-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

September 9, 1999.

Take notice that on September 7, 1999, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed a joint application with the commission in Docket No. CP99-613-000 pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon four natural gas exchange services, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Natural and Transco, jointly, propose to abandon three natural gas exchange service performed under (1) Natural's FERC Rate Schedule X-59 and Transco's FERC Rate Schedule X-87; (2) Natural's Rate Schedule X-117 and Transco's Rate Schedule X-230; and (3) Natural's Rate Schedule X-135 and Transco's Rate Schedule X-247. Natural also proposes to abandon its portion of a natural gas exchange service with

Transco performed under Natural's Rate Schedule X-71. Transco has already abandoned in Docket No. CP98-236-000 its portion of the exchange service performed under Transco's Rate Schedule X-94. Natural and Transco state that they no longer require these four exchange services and that by letter agreements dated August 25, 1999, they have agreed to terminate the 1975, 1976, 1980, and 1981 agreements which resulted in the above Rate Schedules.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 30, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in the subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Natural and Transco to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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